खान-पान सेवाओं की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए संयोजन नये प्लेटफार्म पर किया जायेगा ।

Navodaya Vidyalayas in States

125. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: -Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-MENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of Navodaya Vidyalayas which have opened so far alongwith their locations;

(b) when this scheme was launch ed and what is the number of such vidyalayas which are actually func-tioning;

(c) whether Government have re-cefived any complaints from various States, if so, what the details there-of; and

(d) whether Operation Blackboard suffered any shortage of funds due to this scheme; if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCA-TION AND CULTURE IN THE MI-NISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Navodaya Vi-dyalaya Scheme was launched during 1985-86. 209 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been established and are func-oning till date. A Statement show-ing the State-wise number of Navo-daya Vidyalayas and their locations is annexed. *[See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 3].

(c) In view of the fact that the Na-vodaya Vidyalayas Scheme at its formative stage, the Vidyalayas are mostly located in buildings offered by the State/UT Governments temporarily and that the teachers are being recruited initially on deputation basis only, certain difficulties were brought to the notice of the Navodaya Vidya-laya Samiti. All possible remedial measures are being taken to remove such difficulties.

(d) No. Sir.

Laying and electrification of Rail Lines

126. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RA-ILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the kilometrage of railway lines laid by the Railways during 1987-88;

(b) what is the kilometrage of railway lines that has been electrified in different sections in each of the railway zone in the country during 1987-88; and

(c) what are the immediate and future plans of Railways in this re-gard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) 188 Km.

(b) 681 Km. of railway lines comprising of the following sections have been energised during 1987-88: —

Railway	Section	Km
Central	Babina-Bareth	160
Southern	Royapuram-Korakkupet	2
South	Dornakal-Ramgundam	188
Central	Krishna Canal-Guntur	26
South	Champa-Korba	38
Eastern	Tupkadih-Talgaria	33
Western	Ghat-ka-Varana-Vikram Garh Alat	234
	TOTAL :	681

(c) 255 Km. of new lines are targetted for commissioning in 1988.89. Commissioning of new lines in the coming years will depend on availability of resources for New Lines. 680 Km. and 850 Km. of rail lines are expected to be energised in 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively.

Age of retirement for Air Hostesses in Air India

127. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) , whether air hostesses in Air India retire from service at the age of forty-five;

(b) what is the age of retirement for air hostesses in other international airlines; and

(c) whether Government are considering to raise the age of retirement for air hostesses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL); (a) The prescribed age of retirement of Air Hostesses in Air India is 35 years extendable by one year at a time to 45 years subject to medical fitness.

(b) Information regarding retirement age of air hostesses in certain carriers is as follows: —

British Airways	. 55 Years
Northwest Airlines	. 60 years
Scandinavian Airlines	. 60 Years
Japan Airlines	. 55 Years

(c) No, Sir.

Passenger ship service between Rameshwaram and Sri Lanka

128. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger .ship service between Rameshwaram and Sri Lanka was suspended in 1983;

(b) whether Government had planned to reopen the said, service in mid May this year but suddenly its inauguration was cancelled; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to 'restart the service?

THE ' MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c The passenger/ferry service between Rameshwaram and Sri Lanka was suspended in October 1954. A second hand passenger vessel has been acquired by the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.- for this service. However the resumption of the commercial ferry service is awaiting further improvement in the situation in Sri Lanka.

Computerised railway booking in and around Bombay

129. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether computerised railway booking system is to be extended to numerous suburban Railway stations and other important places, in and around Bombay city; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE - MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) and (b) There are plans for extending, computerised reservation at a few selected locations around Bombay City. However the details are being finalised.